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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re: Bradford C. Webb  
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Examiner: Z. Fay  
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For: SYNTHETIC VISCOELASTIC MATERIAL FOR OPHTHALMIC APPLICATIONS

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action on the above-referenced application dated September 24, 2002 and the Communication from the Patent Office dated November 13, 2002. A one month extension of the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, has been requested in the accompanying PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). In the event that Petition should become detached from this Response or otherwise become lost or misplaced, the Commissioner is requested to charge the fee for a three month extension to Deposit Account No. 01-0682.